



Time To Renew:

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW
HAPPENING FOR 2021/2022**

Dues are \$60 for the
2021-22 year.

For membership, invoice and general
questions email us at masfaa.tech@gmail.com
or submit the contact form and we'll be in
touch as soon as possible.

Committee Spotlight: MASFAA

This month we have chosen
not to highlight any individual
committee but MASFAA over
all as a whole. We ask that
you take a look at our
committees list and find one
that interests you, and offer
your time.
(as little or as much as you
would like.)

To volunteer on a MASFAA committee, fill out
the [MASFAA Volunteer Form](#).

For information about careers or to
submit a job listing, visit the [Careers
page](#).

Sailing Ahead MASFAA Conference

Registration is now open
Please join us **in person** at
Hotel 1620 in Plymouth
November 18 & 19

Upcoming Events:

10/7/21- 2pm

Just The Facts : Training Series

Applications Process & Student Eligibility
Presented by: PD&T Committee.

10/14/21- 9:30am -

Financial Wellness Symposium

Presented by The Financial Wellness Education
Committee

10/21/21- 2pm

Just The Facts : Training Series

Verification
Presented by: PD&T Committee.

More events listed on the linked page below
For more information, register for any of these
events or to submit an event

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Greetings from the MASFAA President

I hope all of you had a successful start to the academic year! Fall is such a magical season full of change and new beginnings. As much as I have personally loved the fall, I cannot help but feel I am not ready for more change. Professionally, we have all experienced a lot of change: the changing nature of our work/campuses in the face of an ongoing pandemic, federal regulatory and policy changes (HEERF, FAFSA overhaul, verification waiver), and dealing with in person/hybrid/fully online work situations. In higher education, financial aid and its associated problems are often not understood by institutional colleagues. It can often provide a sense of isolation especially when there are increasing changes leading to more oversight by federal and state agencies. In the face of all this change, I find myself gravitating towards a sanctuary or bedrock to be my calm within the storm. For me, that retreat is MASFAA. MASFAA provides a rich vibrant community of diverse talented individuals with a shared experience of being financial aid and associate member professionals. We are the human element that is the bridge making higher education a reality for millions of students every day. If you have felt like a wayward ship being tossed around in a sea of uncertainty, I encourage all of you to embrace and connect with your community. MASFAA is about to embark on a new and exciting year full of insightful programming and trainings. Our Sailing Ahead conference will be in person allowing some in person connectivity after 18 months of zoom rooms and online offerings. We know time is at a premium but I hope that everyone reading this will consider volunteering on one of our many committees. Volunteering is such a rewarding experience that provides an easy way to develop professionally and make connections with other institutions.

Best of luck to you all and have a safe new academic year! You got this, and when you feel you don't, we got you!

Best

Ebony Marsala
MASFAA president